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SUBJECT: WARSAW MAY DAY 1973

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: BLESSED BY GOOD WEATHER, WARSAW CELEBRATED MAY DAY IN A RELAXED AND RELATIVELY FESTIVE MOOD. THE OVER- ALL IMPRESSION WAS MUCH MORE ONE OF COLOR THAN OF MILITANCY, AND GIEREK' S SPEECH, ESSENTIALLY DEVOID OF SUBSTANCE, EMPHASIZED PRIDE IN THE ACCOMPLISH- MENTS OF POLAND AND OF SOCIALISM. END SUMMARY.

2. WARSAW CELEBRATED MAY DAY, 1973, IN A RELATIVELY FESTIVE MOOD, FACILITED NO DOUBT BY WARM, SUNNY WEATHER AND AMPLE SIDEWALK REFRESHMENTS. WHILE MANY CITIZENS HEADED FOR THE COUNTRY, CROWDS ALONG THE MARCH
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ROUTE WERE HEAVY, AND ONLOOKERS AND MARCHERS EXUDED AN AIR OF GEENERAL GOOD HUMOR, INFORMALITY AND DISORGANIZATION. THE PARADE AGAIN THIS YEAR WAS A CIVILIAN AFFAIR. PLACARD TENDED MORE TOWARD PLEDGES OF GOOD WORK (THE LARGE RAILWAY WORKER CONTINGENT MODESTLY PROCLAIMED " REGULARITY OF TRAINS" AS THEIR AMBITION) THAN TO THE PURELY POLITICAL; LENIN AND DZIERZYNSKI FOUND COMPANY WITH CANON COPERNICUS. ALTHOUGH OCCASIONAL " PEACE TO THE PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA" BANNERS WERE SEAS BEEN KNOCKED DOWN BEFORE, WILL BE OUT OF SERVICE FOR SEVERAL DAYS, AND ARVN IS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH AN INTERIM FERRY SERVICE. THE VINH LONG PROVINCE CHIEF REQUESTED THE ICCS TO SEND " OBSERVERS" TO THE SCENE.

3. ICCS: (A) THE CANADIAN DELEGATION HAS MOVED FORCEFULLY IN REGION VII TO DEFUSE THE POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS ICCS- MARKED VNAF HELICOPTER ISSUE (CAN THO 0252). THE CANADIANS HAVE NEGOTIATED A LETTER OF PROTEST TO ICCS HEADQUARTERS CHARGING THE GVN WITH NEGLIGENCE AND NOT WITH A CEASZFIRE VIOLATION. THE HUNGARIANS AND INDONESIANS HAVE AGREED TO SIGN. THE POLES ARE BALKING BUT ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN.

(B) CANADIAN AMBASSADOR GAUVIN VISITED CAN THO OVER THE WEEKEND. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICERS, GAUVIN EXPRESSED LITTLE OPTIMISM OVER THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF THE ICCS. HE FELT THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS HAD COME UNDER FIRE FROM THE PRG, DRV, AND MOSCOW FOR FAILING TO STOP INVESTIGATIONS IMPLYING CRITICISM OF THE PRG AND DRV. GAUVIN BELIEVES THE HUNGARIANS AND POLES WILL NOW PRESS HARDER TO ISOLATE THE CANADIAN DELEGATION, THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF THEIR WOES. ALREADY THEY, TOGETHER WITH RADIO HANOI, WERE ATTACKING GAUVIN AND VON NOSTITZ, THE VIGOROUS REGION VII DELEGATE, BY NAME. THE COMMUNIST HAVE BROUGHT UP GAUVIN' S PAST AND PRESENT ASSIGNMENTS-- LISBON AND ATHENS-- AS PROOF OF HIS " FASCIST" SYMPATHIES. GAUVIN HAS COOLY REPLIED THAT IF CANADIAN AMBASSADORS WERE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL SYMPATHIES, THERE WOULD BE NO CANADIAN AMBASSADORS IN COMMUNIST CAPITALS.

4. COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES: (A) THE VC CAMPAIGN TO RESETTLE PEOPLE IN AREAS UNDER THEIR CONTROL IS ILLUSTRATED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN PHONG DINH PROVINCE. ABOUT 30-40 VC FAMILIES REPORTEDLY HAVE REESTABLISHED THEMSELVES IN TWO ADJACENT VILLAGES IN PHONG THUAN DISTRICT. THESE FAMILIES BEGAN RESETTLEMENT ABOUT APRIL 8, AND NOW HAVE BUILT THATCH HOUSES, ESTABLISHED GROCERY STORES, AND PLANTED OVER 100 HECTARES IN POTATOES.

(B) THE FAMILIES WERE ALMOST ALL FORMER RESIDENTS OF THE AREA. THEY HAD BEEN FORCED TO LEAVE FOR SECURITY REASONS. THEY HAVE RETURNED WITH A FEW NEWCOMERS, ALL RELATIVES. ALL HAVE GOVERNMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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ID CARDS. ORDINARY OUTSIDERS REPORTEDLY CAN COME AND GO, BUT THE DISTRICT CHIEF CANNOT ENTER WITHOUT AN ARMED EXCORT.

(C) PHONG THUAN IS AN ISOLATED DISTRICT, DEPOPULATED BY WAR AND
LOCATED SOUTH OF CAN THO ON THE BASSAC RIVER. THERE ARE NO ROADS,
AND TRAVELLERS MUST ENTER BY BOAT OR HELICOPTER.
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